

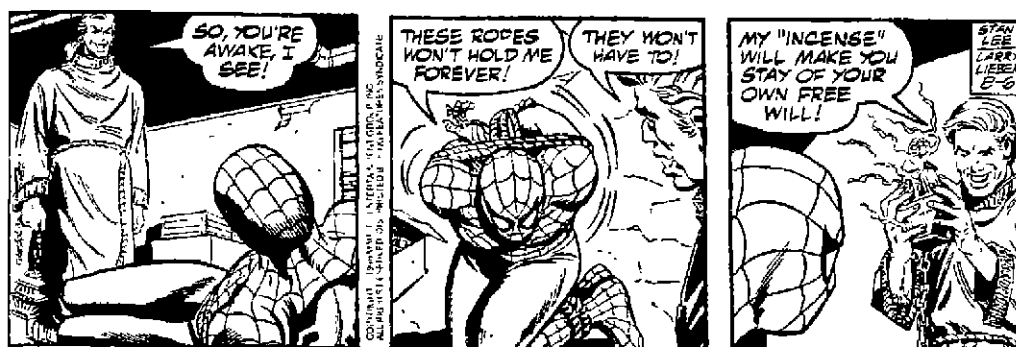
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SALLY FORTH



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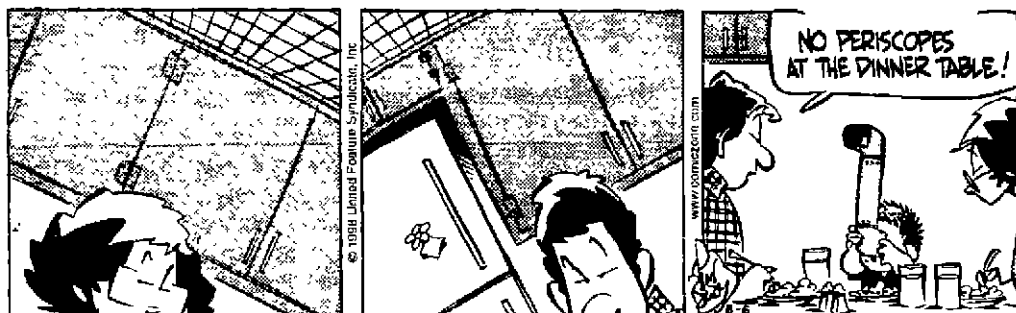
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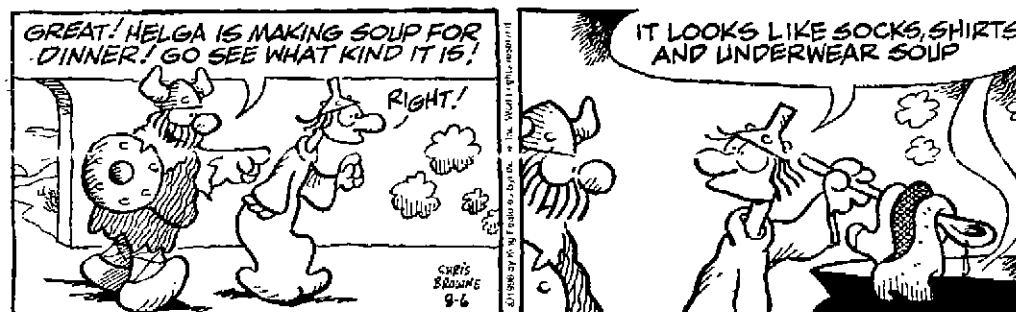
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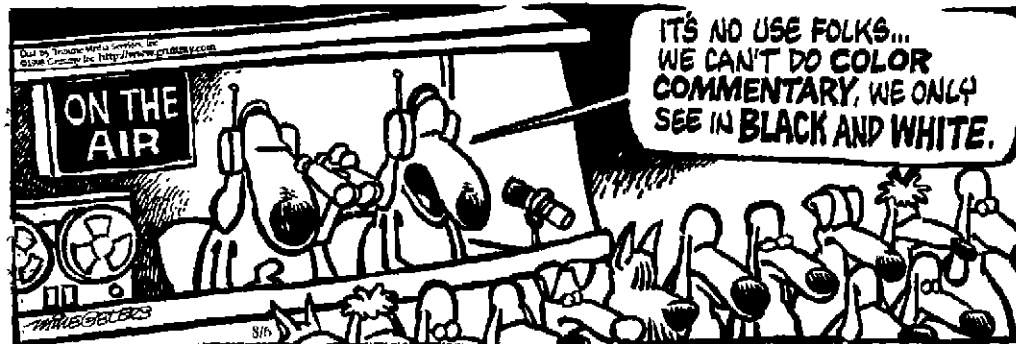
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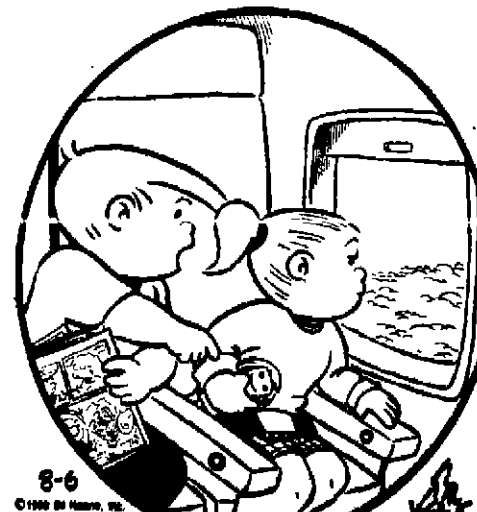
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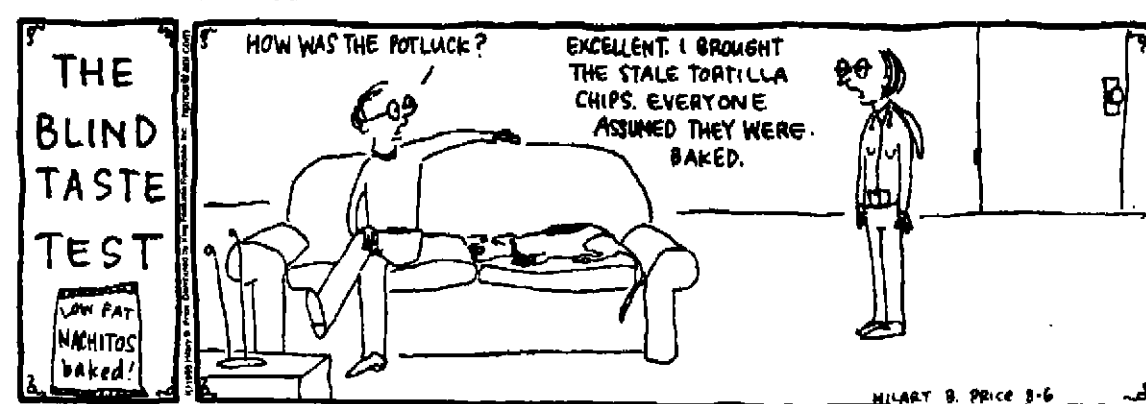
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Aug. 7, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It might be hard to pinpoint the source of nervous feelings. Try not to get worked up over the small stuff.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You may be tempted to let an easy to get a rise out of you. Resist attempts to antagonize you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your brain will be simply spinning with the sheer wonder of it all.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't hide from a problem; eventually you'll be forced to face the music. If you must surrender to the whims of another, do so with grace.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Partnered Lions might find the waters of their relationship getting slightly rocky.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are likely to learn an important lesson about your abilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You will suddenly feel sure of your goals, and others will respond favorably.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Should a family dispute arise, be open-minded about all possible solutions. It will not be wise to ignore an authority figure.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Communication is your strong point at the moment, and your smile speaks volumes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Don't take something, or someone, special for granted, or you will soon come to regret it. You will feel drawn to domestic affairs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Engage in intellectual debate with others, and you will be most surprised at the outcome.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your feelings of tranquility have a calming effect on someone close to you. Seek out friends who can help inspire you if you are feeling stagnant.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Fishing Equipment

X O K G C Y S U Q M I E A W T
P L I E B X T U O N J G D Z W
T O N K H D R A X U S R P M J
G D A X V S I E N I L Q N K I
F D L A X V N T N Q O M J H F
C A Y E W R G K U N G R P N L
J H F D E T E N B Z I X V T R
Q O M D A R R B K E J P I H F
D B A O Z Y U Y B L D W S V T
R E L K C A T L K O O H Q O N
L F L K I H F F R P B D C A Z

Wednesday's unlisted clue: SWEET

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: Contains The Fishing Line

Bobber	Jig	Net	Spinner
Float	Leader	Pole	Stringer
Fly	Lure	Rod	Tackle
Hook	Lure	Sinker	

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0625

ACROSS

- 1 Singer whose life was made into a 1980 hit play
5 Word said with vigorous nodding
12 Sammy Kaye's "Tomorrow"
15 Golfer Sandy
16 Hoodlum
17 Outlet
18 Atlas section
19 Person standing in a row
20 Page of math problems, say
22 African fly
24 Game-ending declaration

- 25 Visionary
27 Opposed
30 Boss Tweed's nemesis
31 Italian moola
32 Villain's doing
37 There are five in a shilling
39 Night of celebration
40 Frank Lloyd Wright's House
41 Like many breakfast cereals
43 Bootlicking
44 Reagan Secretary of State
45 Elle's elles
47 Gulfweed
51 Diminish
52 Turn in the right direction

- 53 Indefatigable
58 Mother
59 Gold Glove winner, 1957-68
61 1945 meeting site
62 Cathy, "East of Eden" wife
63 Bard's stream
64 Kind of rug
66 Book classification
68 Ship-related: Abbr.
67 Big tear

DOWN

- 1 Door word
2 Get — trouble
3 Kind of bomb
4 1990's sitcom, literally
5 Out-of-favor apple treatment
6 1936 Cole Porter song, literally
7 Actor Wallace
8 Like prize-winning handwriting
9 One of the Barrymores
10 Hindu's loin cloth
11 Riddler's challenge
12 We're not that
14 Clark's partner
15 Wee hour
16 Dionysus attendant
18 Bearded

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ARTS WIDE CABIN
NEAT ERIN AGATE
DECREASED YEAST
ALONE ROPE
STAYERS PANAMA
MOLAN INLAKE
EMORY DECREASED
AND GARDENERS
CHILDREN'S CITY

AGES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

In a recent duplicate game, most pairs reached today's spade game. However, given the shaky trump suit and finessing opportunities that might sour. Let's follow how skillful ones dodged the traps and made their

contracts. After West's diamond jack goes to dummy's ace, what next? It's dangerous to start trumps immediately, so South must take the club finesse. It must be taken regardless of what might happen later, so best to take it now. West wins his club king and leads another diamond to dummy's king. Now it's time to start trumps. Ace and another won't do. South must lead low from dummy and cover East's trey. West wins his trump nine and leads a third diamond, forcing South to ruff. South counters by cashing his trump ace, grateful to find the trumps divided 3-2. Leaving West's trump queen at large, South cashes his high clubs, discarding two hearts from dummy. With a singleton heart in dummy, South cashes his heart ace and ruffs a heart for his ninth winner. This leaves him with a trump in his hand and one in dummy, guaranteeing one more ruffing winner and 10 tricks for his side. Review South's priorities. He delayed trump play until he established his clubs. Note the losing club finesse eliminated the need for a heart finesse; a heart finesse would not do the same, successful or not. He had to play trumps carefully. He could not relinquish control to allow a defender to lead a third round of trumps.

WEST
♠ Q 10 9
♥ K 6 3
♦ J 10 9 8
♣ K 6 3

EAST
♠ K 3
♥ 9 8 5 4
♦ Q 7 3
♣ 7 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ A 8 6 5
♥ A 7 2
♦ 5 2
♣ A J 10 9

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: Diamond jack

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, first, Judy Everts, Sarah Florito; second, Helen Simmons, Allene Huntley; Saturday evening, first, Murray Hall, Allene Huntley; second, Pete Leonelli, Bill Pennington.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Irving Gitter, Bill Barrington; second, Alex Weldon, Marge Weldon; Sunday evening, first/second, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus; Rita Dewey, Ron Dewey; Monday morning, first, Carl Brown, Bob Price; second, Gayle Barrington, Josephine Cleveland; Monday evening, first, Ron Dewey, Judy Bailey; second, Arlene Rainone, Bill Barrington; Tuesday evening, first, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard; second, Carl Hileman, Don Paulus; Wednesday evening, first/second, Cameron Ross, Mary Walsh; Carmen Swenson, Howard Cring; Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Millie Albright, Debi Belanger; 2 NS, John Beauchamp, Janet Sinclair; 1 EW, Louis Bashaw, Bob Donahue; 2 EW, Helen Simmons, Judy Everts; Thursday evening, first/second/third, Bill Barrington, Arlene Rainone; Judy Alderman, John Glezen; Cameron Ross, Matt Brown; Friday morning, first, Mary Smith, Olin Smith; second, Matt Brown, Julie Sunser; Friday evening, first, Judie Bailey, Judy Zatory; second/third, Chris Chappell, John Chappell; Don Paulus, Mike Walsh.

Concord: 1 NS, Dale Swift, Judy Zatory; 2 NS, Roni Capraro, Harriet Kaprowski; 1 EW, Gene Wurdinger, Sharon Paulus; 2 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger.

Lafayette Country Club: 1 NS, Marcia Rothschild, Lois Meyer; 2 NS, Eleanor Dutch, Miriam Fleischman; 1 EW, Natalie Waldman, Gil Radin; 2 EW, Leona Wilson, Ivy Besdin.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Judy Zatory, Ann Marin; 2 NS, Anne Divers, Hannah Dushay; 1 EW, Lori Desruisseaux, Judy Butcher; 2 EW, Clorinda Morris, Joan Phillips.

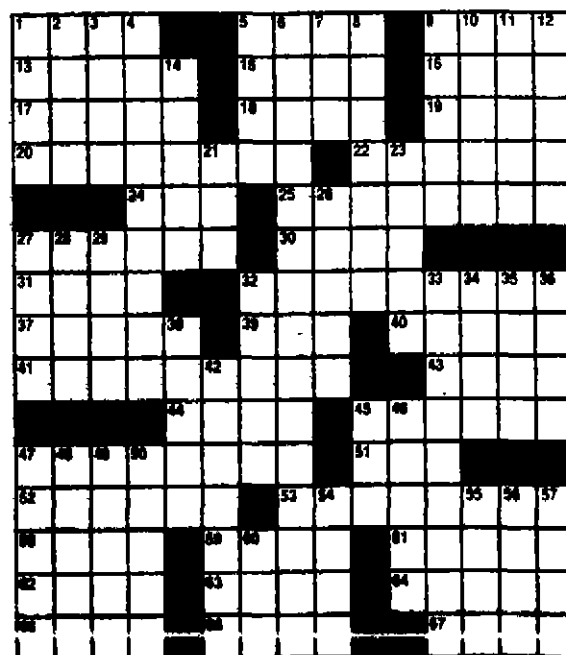
Stonehedge: 1 NS, Pat Hill, Nancy Rude; 2 NS, Lori Desruisseaux, Helen White; 1 EW, Gerry Burns, Betty Pfeiffer; 2 EW, Fran Dussault, Harriet Kaprowski.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Fred Peisei, Virgil Eveleigh; second/third, John Herman, John Hemmer; Dorothy Eveleigh, Bill Burnett; Thursday afternoon, first, Doug Lyons, Don Paulus; second, Alberta McCormick, Joan Liddle; Thursday evening, first, Hal Brigade, Mary Lou Famular; second, Paul Peters, Norm Radway; Friday evening, first/second, Virgil Eveleigh, Helene Gove; Judy Butcher, Joan Noll.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Movie director Charles Crichton is 88. Entrepreneur Sir Freddie Laker is 76. Actress-singer Abbey Lincoln is 68. Actor-director Paul Bartel is 60. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 60. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 55. Actor Dorian Harewood is 48. Actress Catherine Hicks is 47. Geri Halliwell (formerly of the Spice Girls) is 26.



Puzzle by Stanley B. Williams

- 27 "The Sound of Music" backdrop
28 Scene
29 Coastal flier
30 Patron saint of France
31 "L.A. Law" actor, literally
32 Theater award

- 40 Terre's counterpart
41 Observes
42 Kind of battery
43 Cigar feature
44 Bill attachment
45 Ninnes
46 "— R Romantic?"

- 55 Unnamed alternative
56 Cartoonist Drake
57 Dash in the kitchen
58 Actress Gardner

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